

Appendix M. Guidelines for visiting SNAs

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Camping	Camping and fires are generally not permitted. However, some SNAs within our state forests allow for primitive camping. Check with the state forest for details.
Climbing	Rock climbing and rappelling are prohibited, except at East Bluff and Dalles of the St. Croix SNAs.
Collecting	Do not collect animals, fungi, rocks, minerals, fossils, archaeological artifacts, soil, downed wood, or any other natural material, alive or dead.
Geocaching	<p>Geocaching is not permitted. Earthcaching and virtual caching, in which a container is not hidden on the property, is permitted. The procedure for a virtual cache on an SNA is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Record the coordinates of the location to be used in the SNA. Also record the name of the SNA, a description of the area, the type of cache, and if it is a "virtual" stage of a multi-cache, the proposed question to answer. 2. Submit this information to the DNR Endangered Resources staff for review. Send to: Thomas Meyer DNR PO Box 7921 Madison WI 53707 3. Upon approval from the Thomas Meyer, DNR, submit the Geocache Notification Form to him (contact information above) and he will follow up with the appropriate DNR land manager for the cache placement. Thomas will then forward the completed Geocache Notification Form to the appropriate land manager. 4. If this is a multi-cache or offset cache, the physical geocache container can be placed. Be sure any containers or waypoint tags are outside of the boundaries of the SNA. 5. Submit the geocache to geocaching.com. Please be sure to include in the long description the notice that the geocache notification form has been submitted. You can find that note at: http://www.wi-geocaching.com/hiding . Also include in a "To Reviewer" note all of the information obtained in Step 1. Be sure and use the "waypoints" tool to enter the information for other stages if it is a multi-cache.
Horses	Horseback riding is generally prohibited except on established trails, as posted, within certain state forests.
Hours	Most SNAs are open to the public year-round unless otherwise noted in the SNA site descriptions or posted at the site. Most DNR-owned SNAs are also open year-

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	round, 24 hours a day, unless they are embedded within another DNR property type such as a State Park that has specific property hours.
Hunting	The vast majority of DNR-owned State Natural Areas are open to hunting in accordance with state regulations. Refer to the “Ownership” tab on individual SNA pages to determine if the SNA is owned by the DNR or by a program partner. More details may also be available under the “Access” tab on individual SNA pages. Hunting may also be allowed on SNAs owned by our partner organizations and agencies, such as The Nature Conservancy, U.S. Forest Service, and county forest departments. Specific rules vary depending on the partner’s policies, and some may require a special hunting permit. Refer to the “Ownership” tab on individual SNA pages to determine if the SNA is owned by a partner and contact them directly for more information on hunting on their properties. Links to partner websites are provided at the top of individual SNA pages.
Pets	Pets are allowed on most DNR-owned SNAs, although they are prohibited in Parfrey's Glen. Dogs must be kept on a leash no longer than 8', unless they are being used for hunting purposes in areas that are open to hunting during the established season.
Plants	Do not collect plants including seeds, roots or other parts of herbaceous plants such as wildflowers or grasses.
Research	A permit is required for collecting and scientific research on SNAs. Please contact: Thomas Meyer for more information.
Vehicles	Prohibited vehicles include bicycles, ATVs, aircraft and snowmobiles except on trails and roadways designated for their use. Access is only by foot, skis, snowshoes and watercraft. Some trails are wheelchair accessible.
Wild edibles	Edible fruits, edible nuts, wild mushrooms, wild asparagus and watercress may be removed by hand without a permit for the purpose of personal consumption by the collector. “Edible fruits” means fleshy fruits from plants including apples, plums, pears, blueberries, raspberries, blackberries, juneberries and strawberries that are harvested for human consumption. “Edible nuts” means walnuts, hickory nuts, acorns and other similar nuts from trees and shrubs.